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SURIN

TOURIST INFORMATION



Surin

Despite its long historical background, there is so far no precise evidence to prove the origin of Surin Province. It has only been narrated for generations that Surin was built some 2,000 years ago when the ancient Khmer dominated the region. Surin was abandoned after the incline of the Khmer Kingdom. Later in 1763, a village at Ban Muang Thi was moved to Ban Khu Prathai where Surin is presently situated. The village was consequently upgraded to be 'Muang Prathai Saman' and its leader, Luang Surin Phakdi, appointed Phra Surin Phakdi Si Narong Chang Wang, the Governor.

In 1786 during the reign of King Rama I, Muang Prathai Saman was renamed 'Muang Surin' after the title of its Governor.

Surin is 450 kilometers far from Bangkok by car and 420 kilometers by train, and is 176 kilometers far from Nakhon Ratchasima by car and 156 kilometers by train

Boundary

-The North stretches to Roi Et and Maha Sarakham

-The East stretches to Si Sa Ket

-The South stretches to Cambodia

-The West stretches to Buri Ram

Surin covers a total area of 8,124 square kilometers and is divided into 13 Amphoes:

-Amphoe Muang

-Amphoe Chumphon Buri

-Amphoe Tha Tum

-Amphoe Chom Phra

-Amphoe Prasat

-Amphoe Kap Choeng

-Amphoe Rattanaaburi

-Amphoe Sanom

-Amphoe Sikhoraphum

-Amphoe Sangkha

-Amphoe Buachet

-Amphoe Samrong Thap

-Amphoe Lamduan

Transportation

By car Drive along the Highway 1 (Phahon yothin Road) and turn right to the Highway 2 (Mitraphap Road) at Saraburi, then turn to the Chok Chai - Det Udom route (the Highway 24) via Amphoe Nang Rong and Amphoe Prasat before turning left to the Highway 214 to Surin Province. The total distance is 450 kilometers.

By bus from Bangkok, there are daily buses leaving the Northeastern Bus Terminal (Talat Mo Chit). Travelling takes about 6 hours. For more information please contact Tel. 2710101-5 (non air - conditioned bus) and Tel. 2794484-7 (air conditioned bus)

By train There are trains leaving Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lam Phong) daily. The distance is 420 kilometers. For further details please call Information Counter, State Railway of Thailand, Tel. 2337010, 2337020.

There is also local bus service from the provincial city of Surin to all Amphoes and to nearby provinces. Travelling within Amphoe Muang is also possible by tricycle.

Distances from Amphoe Muang to other Amphoes

Amphoe Muang	-Amphoe Prasat : 28 kms.
"	-Amphoe Sangkha : 49 kms.
"	-Amphoe Sikhoraphum : 34 kms.
"	-Amphoe Samrong Thap : 54 kms.
"	-Amphoe Chom Phra : 26 kms.

Amphoe Muang	-Amphoe Tha Tum : 51 kms.
"	-Amphoe Chumphon Buri : 91 kms.
"	-Amphoe Rattanaaburi : 70 kms.
"	-Amphoe Sanom : 49 kms.
"	-Amphoe Kap Choeng : 58 kms.
"	-Amphoe Buachet : 70 kms.
"	-Amphoe Lamduan : 26 kms.

Attraction within the provincial city

1. Surin City Pillar Shrine is situated 500 meters to the west of the City Hall. The present shrine was built in 1968 to replace the old one which contained no pillar. The 3-meter city pillar, carved from an auspicious laburnum wood from Kanchanaburi, was erected and celebrated on March 15, 1974.

2. The Statue of Phraya Surin Phakdi Si Narong Chang Wang was erected in 1984 to commemorate the establishment of Surin Province by him. The monument is situated at the southern entrance to Muang Surin at the starting point of the Surin-Prasat road. The 2.2-meter bronze statue, with a mahout's hook in his right hand and a pair of swords on his back marks his bravery and also the province's reputation as the elephant city.



3. Luang Pho Phra Chi, Wat Bura pharam

The image of the Buddha subduing Mara, Luang Pho Phra Chi is most revered by



Surin people. It is not known when the image was built

Wat Burapharam is assumed to be constructed in Thon Buri or early Rattanakosin Period, dating back some 200 years.

4. Hual Saneng is a reservoir under the irrigation project situated some 5 kilometers from Surin along the Surin - Prasat route with a left turn for another 4 kilometers along the irrigation channel. A royal residence was built here for the Princess Mother. Accommodation is also available for visitors. For further information, please contact Chief of Surin Irrigation project, Huai Saneng Reservoir, Amphoe Muang, Surin, Tel. 511-966.

5. Phanom Sawai Forest Park is located about 22 kilometers from Surin City Hall and accessible by the Surin-Prasat road, the distance of 14 kilometers, then further on a dirt road for another 6 kilometers. The park's major attraction is a triple-peaked hill with the first peak called Phanom Preah where Wat Khao Phanom Sawai was built among shady surroundings and the image of the Buddha bestowing favors known as Phra Phuttha Surin Mongkhon is enshrined. The second peak is Phanom Srei topped by a buddha image of medium size. The third, Phanom Krol, is topped by an eight-porched hall in which

an imitation of the Buddha's Holy Footprint is enshrined.

The hill has been regarded a sacred place by the townspeople who on the first day of the new moon in the fifth lunar month walk up to the hilltop to pay homage to the place. The day is a traditional holiday for Surin people.

6. Prasat Muang Thi is located 16 kilometers to the east of Amphoe Muang Town Hall at Tambon Muang Thi. To get there, drive along the Surin - Sikhoraphum route. The sanctuary comprises 5 brick indented Prangs situated on a common base. Only 3 Prangs are still to be seen at present.

7. Silk Weaving Villages at Tambon Khwao Sinarin and Ban Chan Rom, Tambon Ta Ong, Amphoe Muang, are renowned for local hand-woven silk and hand-crafted gold and silver beads which are also put on sale.

Khwao Sinarin Village is located to the north of Amphoe Muang and accessible by an asphalt branch road from the Surin-Roi Et Highway (the Highway 214) and further on for another 2 kilometers along a dirt road.

Ban Chan Rom is located to the east of Amphoe Muang along the Surin - Sangkha Highway (the Highway 2077). The Chan rom villagers feed their own silkworms, the source of silk threads to be woven.

8. Ban Bu Thom Basketry Village is situated at Tambon Muang Thi, Amphoe Muang, about 12 kilometers along the Highway 2080 leading towards Amphoe Sikhoraphum. Out of rice growing season, the villagers' additional

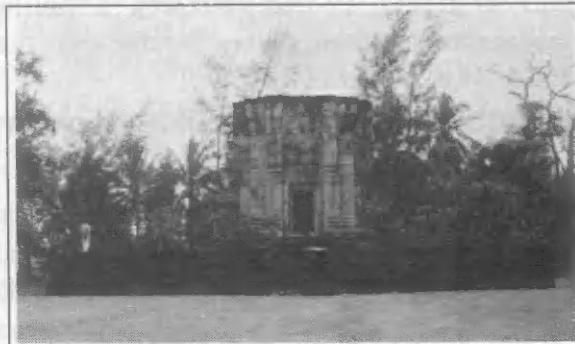
occupation is rattan basketry weaving.

Attractions In Amphoe Prasat-Amphoe Kap Choeng (along the Highway 214)

9. Prasat Ban Prasat is located at Ban Prasat, Tambon Phlai, Amphoe Prasat, about 5 kilometers from Amphoe Prasat Town Hall. The sanctuary lies in deteriorated condition with only some remains of laterite wall and a big pond, 2 meters beyond the eastern wall.

10. Prasat Ban Phlai A Khmer sanctuary donated to the God Shiva in Brahmanism, Prasat Ban Phlai comprises 3 brick Prangs situated on a common moated laterite base. A lintel's fragment discovered here and currently displayed at Phimai National Museum indicates that Prasat Ban Phlai was constructed in the 16th century B.E. The sanctuary lies about 10 kilometers to the northeast of the Town Hall at Ban Prasat, Tambon Chua Phloeng, Amphoe Prasat.

11. Prasat Hin Ban Phluang is a Hindu sanctuary of Baphuon Period dating back to the 16th - 17th century B.E. between the reigns of Jayavarman I and Jayavarman VI of the ancient Khmer Kingdom. A small sandstone Prang on laterite base, Prasat Hin Ban Phluang was built

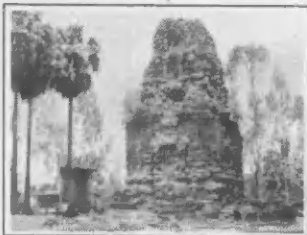


and sculpted with fine craftsmanship. The pediment above the entrance depicts a scene of Krishna lifting Govardhana Mountain from the Hindu story 'Krishnavatar,' an incarnation of the God Vishnu. The God Indra on elephant back centers the stone lintel. There is a pond on either side of the walkway to the entrance.

Prasat Hin Ban Phluang is situated at Ban Phluang, Tambon Kang Aen, Amphoe Prasat, 4kilometers from the Town Hall along the Surin - Prasat-Chong Chom route with a left turn between kilometer markers 34-35 for another 900 meters.

12. Prasat Tamuan Tot is located some 12 kilometers from Ban Ta Miang, Tambon Bak Dai, Amphoe Kap Choeng on the Thai-Cambodian borderline. The stone sanctuary, built on sandstone base, is similar to Prasat Ban Phluang.

13. Prasat Tamuan Thorn is located on a stream bank, 200 meters to the south of Prasat Tamuan Tot. The sanctuary comprises 3 Prangs decorated with bas-reliefs of floral designs and standing dieties, intricate sandstone 'gopura' (roofed entrance), 2 laterite buildings, and sandstone gallery. Outside, there is a pond lined with laterite.



Attractions in Amphoe Sikhoraphum (along the Highway 2080)

14. Prasat Si Khoraphum comprises 5 brick Prangs on common laterite base. It dates back to mid 17th century B.E. The main Prang at the center is 32 meters high and decorated with intricately carved

sandstone lintel, colonnettes, and pilasters. Prasat Si Khoraphum is located at Ban Prasat, Tambon Ra Ngaeng, Amphoe Sikhoraphum, 34 kilometers from the provincial town along the Surin - Sikhoraphum route with a left turn of 800 meters at Amphoe Prasat.

15. Prasat Ban Chang Pi is a whole laterite sanctuary situated at Mu 1, Tambon Chang Pi, 12 kilometers to the southwest of Amphoe Sikhoraphum Town Hall along the Surin - Sikhoraphum route.

Attractions in Amphoe Lamduan - Amphoe Sangkha (along the Highway 2077)

16. Prasat Tapiang Tia is located at Mu 2, Tambon Chok Nua, Amphoe Lamduan within the precincts of Wat Prasat Thep Nimit. Prasat Tapiang Tia is a 5-finial brick sanctuary of Laotian architectural style dating back to late Ayutthaya Period.

17. Reserved Pinery Area covers an area of 625 Rais where the best kind of plateau pines grow. The only plateau pinery in Thailand, the Reserved Pinery Area is located at Ban Nong Khu, Tambon Chok Nua, Amphoe Lamduan, 35 kilometers from Surin along the Surin - Sangkha route. The area is under the Thai Danish cooperation project.

18. Prasat Phum Pon is an ancient Khmer sanctuary of Prei Kameng Period dating back to the 12th -13th century B.E. Being Surin's oldest ruins, Prasat Phum Pon comprises a brick Prang on laterite base with sandstone door frame, colonnettes, and lintel. To the west, there are remains of a building's base and still another

one lying 32 meters beyond.

Prasat Phum Pon is located at Ban Phum Pon, Tambon Dom, 10 kilometers from Amphoe Sangkha along the Sangkha - Buachet route.

19. Prasat Yai Ngao is a 12-indented square sanctuary built of brick. The Khmer ruins lie 4 kilometers to the southeast of Amphoe Sangkha



Town Hall at Ban Sangkha, Tambon Sangkha.

Attractions in Amphoe Chom Phra - Amphoe Tha Tum (along the Highway 214)

20. Prasat Chom Phra is located within Wat Prasat Chom Phra, Tambon Chom Phra, 26 kilometers from Surin. The ruins comprise laterite Prang, image hall (Viharn) and wall with a huge Buddha image of modern period in front of the Viharn.

21. Ban Ta Klang Elephant Village is located at Ban Ta Klang, Tambon Kra Pho, Amphoe Tha Tum, about 58 kilometers from Surin. To get there, drive along the Highway 214 (Chom Phra - Tha Tum) for 15 kilometers, then turn to a branch road at Ban Nong Tat for another 22 kilometers. Former occupation of the Thai Suai, local villagers of Ban Ta Klang, was to round up, train, and raise elephants. But unlike those captured in the north of Thailand to be trained to work, the elephants here are trained to perform in the annual Surin Elephant Round-up.

Ban Ta Klang is also situated among beautiful surroundings with white sandy beach where the Mun and Chi rivers meet. Here, visitors can enjoy a daily elephant training show during October - November.

An elephant's museum was constructed at

Ban Ta Klang under TAT's sponsorship to gather all elephant-related information and implements used in the round-up.

Annual Festival

Surin has been an elephant's habitat since ancient times and the local townspeople of Surin are skilled in rounding up, training, and controlling elephants. The famous 'Elephant Round-Up' was first held in 1960 and Surin has ever since become well-known among Thai and foreign visitors alike.

The Surin Elephant Round-Up has been scheduled to take place annually during weekend around mid November. The fair is regarded an international annual event which attracts numbers



of tourists from every corner of the world. Planned activities during the fair include a tug-of-war between an elephant and men, elephants in football match, war elephant parade, and local performances.



ACCOMMODATION IN SURIN

NAME-ADDRESS	DAILY RATE (BAHT)				NO. OF ROOMS	FACILITIES
	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TWIN	SUITE		
AMPHOE MUANG (Area code 044)						
1.Phetkasem	300(fan)	600(air)	800(air)	2,000(air)	162	Restuarant,Swimming
104 Chitbamrung Rd.		700(air)	1,000(air)			pool,Banquet
Tel. 511274,511470						Snooker , Disco
2.Tharin		1,400(VIP)	500(air)	4,000	240	Restuarant,Swimming
60 Sirirat Rd.			800(air)	(air)		pool,Disco,Barber,
Tel.514281-8						Banquet,Karaoke
3.Memorial		360(air)	240(fan)		65	Restuarant,Snooker,
646 Lak-Mang Rd.		480(air)				Massage Parlor,
Tel.511288, 511637						Barber
4.Amarin	130(fan)	180(fan)			80	
Thesaban 1 Rd.Behin						
Sri Siam Theater						
Tel.511407						
5.Erawan	80(fan)	150(fan)			26	
370 Krungsi-Nai Rd.						
Tel.511328						
6.New Hotel	120(fan)	170(fan)			96	
22 Thanasan Rd.	200(air)	250(air)				
Tel.511341,511322						
7.Saeng Thong	150(fan)	200(fan)			125	
279-281 Thanasan Rd.			350(air)			
Tel.512099,512009						
8.Ubon	60(fan)	100(fan)			29	
156 Thanasan Rd.						
Tel.511133						
9.Krungsi-nai	70-100(fan)	150(fan)			64	
185 Krungsi-nai Rd.	240(air)					
Tel.513137						
10.Nimit Thong	40(fan)	120(fan)			20	
Nua-Sathani Rod Fai Rd.						
Tel.511186						
11.Thanachai	100(fan)	120(fan)			20	
Thesaban 1 Rd..						
Tel.511002						
12.Pirom Guest House	60(fan)	100(fan)			8	
242 Krungsinai Rd.	40(domitory)					
Tel.515140						

RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SHOPS

1. Pae Tee
40-2 Thesaban 1 Rd. ,Tel. 511682,511588
2. Kua Luang
Memorial Hotel
3. Wang Petch
Petchkasem Hotel
4. Petchkasem Cafe
Opposite of Petchkasem Hotel
5. Tharin Coffee - shop
Tharin Hotel
6. Pa Pa Cafe
Lak Muang Rd. Tel. 513099
7. Suan Arharn Nga Chang
Kochasarn Rd. , Tel. 513179
8. Suan Arharn Phai Ngern
Krungsi-nai Rd.,Soi Poy Tung Kor,
Tel. 512151
9. Suan Arharn Bua Thong
Soi Pho Rang,
10. Low Jar
Thesaban 1,, Tel. 512354

SOUVENIR SHOPS

1. Pa Mai Surin
151 Thanasan Rd., Tel. 512279
(Silk and Cotton)
2. Surin Mai Thai
78-80 Chitbamrung Rd. , Tel. 512159
(Silk, Cotton and Wickerwork)
3. Nong Ying
52-54 Chitbamrung Rd. ,Tel. 511606
(Silk, Cotton and Wickerwork)
4. Jek Ming Mai Thai
Chitbamrung Rd.
(Silk, Cotton and Tusk-carvings)

5. Dow Kasem

Opposite Petchkasam Hotel
(Silk, Cotton, Silver and Tusk - carvings)

6. Dang Bu Nga

Opposite Surin Plaza, Thesaban 1 Rd.,
(Silk and silver)

7. Hieng Hieng

95 Krungsi - nai (Sausage, Preserved turnip,
Dry shredded pork)

8. Lim Ee Hieng

Thanasan Rd., Tel. 511366
(Preserved turnip, Sausage,
Dry shredded pork, and Kala Mae; sticky
sweetmeate wrapped by dry banana leaves)

9. Saharos

119 Krungsi - nai Rd., Tel. 511775
(Sausage, Dry shredded pork)

10. Thai Rung Ruang

Thanasan Rd. (Wickerwork, Basket)

Bus Schedule from Surin (Non - Airconditioned)

Bus Station, Chitbamrung Rd., Tel 511756

Destination	Bus No.	Fare/Baht	Distance/	Duration/	Departure time
Rattanaaburi	1483	20	70	2.30	05.00,06.00,06.40 every 40 minutes. The last bus 18.00
Kabcheong-Chong Chom	1485	16	67	1.30	05.40,06.00,06.05,07.30,08.50,09.50,10.40,11.40,12.40,13.40,14.40,16.30
Kok Krachai	558	23	70	2	04.00,06.30,09.00,10.20,11.20, 12.20,13.20,15.20
Choompolburi	524	112	31	3.30	05.00,every 50 minutes. The last bus 16.00
Roi E (old-route)252		43	167	3.30	06.00,07.00,09.00,10.00,13.00,15.00
Roi Ei (new-route)550		38	130	3	05.00,08.00,11.00,12.00,14.00,17.00
Yasothon	293	40	150	3	06.30
Nakhon Rathasima 274		50	197	4	04.00,05.00,05.25,05.50,06.15,06.40,07.00,07.20,07.40,08.00,08.20,08.40,09.00,09.20,09.40,10.00,10.30 every 30 minutes until 18.00
Sri Sa Ket (via Sriphoraphum, Kra Po- Na Klung) 36005	292	23	101	3.20	06.00every 30 minutes until16.00
Sanom Pattaya	4228	20	63	1.30	07.30,08.30,10.30,11.30,12.30,13.30,15.00,17.30
	589	225(Air)	230	8.30	06.00 every hour until 18.00
	589	340(VIP)	230	8.30	08.20,19.15, 21.45
	589	125(non-Air)	230	8.30	21.15 10.20,17.45,20.00,22.15

Bus Schedule from Surin (Air -conditioned)

Company	Destination	Distance/Kms	Fare/Baht	Duration/hrs	Departure time
Setti Tour	Bangkok	450	195	7	21.30
82 thaseban 1 Rd., Tel.511496					
Kitjakan Ratchasima Tour	Bangkok	450	190	7	07.00,08.00,09.00,10.00,11.00,21.00,21.30,22.00
Nongdum Rd. Surin Plaza Tel. 512161					
Nakhon chai Air	Nakhon	197	85	3	09.15,18.00
Tel. 515151	Ratchasima				18.15,19.45,
	Rayong	585	250	9	20.15,20.45, 21.15,21.45



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382/1 Chaihat Rd., South Pattaya,
Chonburi 20260
Tel.(038) 428750 Fax.429113

RAYONG

300/77 Leing-Muang Rd., Amphoe Muang,
Rayong 21000
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Rayong 21000
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Khon Kaen 40000
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Amphoe Muang, Nakhon Phanom 48000
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UDONTNANI (Temporary Office)

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Amphoe Muang, Udonthani 41000
Tel.(042) 241968 Fax.241968

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Songkhla 90110
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Surin National Museum
city Hall, Luk Muang Rd., Tel. 513358

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2. Thai Farmers Bank Tanasan Rd., Tel 511360
3. Krung Thai Bank Tanasan Rd., Tel. 511423
4. Bank of Ayudthaya Tanasan Rd., Tel.511722
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